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SUBJ: MILITARY INCIDENTS IN MR-3

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BIEN HOA 6 DEC REPTD FOR YOUR ACTION.
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SUBJECT: MILITARY INCIDENTS IN MR3

1. THERE WERE TWO INCIDENTS OF NOTE IN GIA DINH PROVINCE EARLY
DECEMBER 6, BOTH CLOSE TO SAIGON.

2. AT 0050 HOURS, ELEMENTS OF THE D21 BN, 115TH INDEPENDENT
SAPPER REGT, 27TH SAPPER DIV FIRED TWENTY 122MM ROCKETS AGAINST
THE QUANG TRUNG TRAINING CENTER (XT 783025) FROM XT 7710 IN
PHU HOA DISTRICT SOUTH OF THE SAIGON RIVER AND ABOUT 10 KMS
DUE NORTH OF THE TRAINING CENTER. THREE ROCKETS HIT THE BUILT-UP
AREA OF THE CENTER AND TWO STRUCK POPULATED AREAS NEARBY (XT 783023
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AND XT 778001) WITH EIGHT WOUNDED, FOUR OF WHOM WERE CIVILIANS. THE

LATTER LOCATION IS 13 KMS FROM TAN SON NHUT AIRBASE AND 8 KMS FROM THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF SAIGON.

3. AT 0200 HOURS, COMMUNISTS ATTACKED THE LUONG PHU POST (XS 698816) 2 KMS NORTHWEST OF BINH CHANH DISTRICT TOWN, SOME 10 KMS SOUTHWEST OF CHOLON, MANNED BY A PLATOON OF THE 1ST CO/ 378TH RF BATTALION. A RELIEF COLUMN FROM THE 317TH RF BATTALION LED BY LTC NGUYEN DUC THUAN, DISTRICT CHIEF OF BINH CHANH, WAS AMBUSHED AT XS 705798. A B40 ROCKET STRUCK THE DISTRICT CHIEF'S VEHICLE, KILLING HIM. ONE OTHER RF WAS KILLED AND FOUR WERE WOUNDED. SIGNED PETERS.

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